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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. ALLEN DULLES

On November 19th, you and Mr. Bissell discussed with General Twining, General LeMay, Admiral Burke and me the subject matter of Top Secret 164671. I wanted to let you know we are in agreement with the exploratory work that is now going on in Cambridge and elsewhere. Noting that you expect this to reach a definitive stage about three months hence, we will be glad to consider with you at that time the feasibility and desirability of proceeding with a definite design project.

While the Navy, as well as the Air Force, is very much interested in this project, we are looking to the Air Force to carry the Defense responsibility for it and particularly to be the agency to undertake any follow-on project of the kind proposed in Paragraph 4.e. of your Top Secret 164671.

With reference to Paragraph 5 of Top Secret 164671, we concur in the proposed joint report in response to the FIB recommendation.

Donald A. Quarles

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